

dollars that could have been used elsewhere are wasted.

Another example of disjointed oversight happened again yesterday in the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee markup. After years of billions of dollars having been wasted by the intelligence community and the National Reconnaissance Office I proposed a much cheaper, multifunctional approach to sustain our satellite constellation.

This approach is advocated by outside experts and scientists and officials within the intelligence agencies. It also was adopted 2 years in a row by the Intelligence Committee and by the Armed Services Committee in its bill that is on the floor before us today.

Yet, in the Defense Appropriations markup yesterday, even though multiple Senators who have been studying this issue on other committees for years spoke in strong support of it, the old system kicked in and the measure was shut out; that is a structural deficiency the 9/11 Commission pointed out.

In a classified session I can give examples upon examples from other services.

Those who have the time and mandate to study the issue extensively need to be the ones whose discernment is brought to bear on those matters—this is case in point of what the 9/11 Commission said must happen in this specific area of national security, with intelligence. It is in this one area, in our front line of defense against terror, where this has to take place.

Having tried to work within the system and failed, I cannot remain silent about this sort of thing any longer.

We hear a lot today about needed change and reform coming to Washington. Let us prove to the American people that we do not need to wait for an election to start that process.

At this point, lest anyone get the wrong idea about the problems I am addressing here, I must say something about the leadership of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. The American people all know about our war hero from the Senate, JOHN MCCAIN, who is running for President, but I want to draw attention to another one of our war heroes who served 2 wars before Senator MCCAIN did in Vietnam, and that is Senator DAN INOUE from Hawaii, chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Senator INOUE is a true American hero whom I have the utmost admiration for, and I greatly commend him for the manner in which he has led, and is leading, the Defense Subcommittee. He ensures that America's priorities on defense are put in the right place.

I also commend my good friend Senator STEVENS, another true American patriot and veteran. His leadership has been invaluable on this subcommittee for over two decades. And I commend my good friend Senator COCHRAN also, who has recently been sitting in for Senator STEVENS as ranking member

on the subcommittee and has always listened patiently to my concerns over the years.

I cannot say enough about these three men who are true leaders; they have acted with wisdom and discernment in how they have led the subcommittee. They are good friends, they are esteemed colleagues, and I am honored to serve under their leadership. So let me make it very clear, that the problem I am addressing today is not the people; these men lead with dignity and discernment in putting together the most complicated funding bill in the Congress.

The problem rather that I am addressing is structure. With a nearly \$500 billion Defense appropriations bill, of which less than 10 percent is for intelligence, and with only a handful of committee staff on hand to look at intelligence matters and barely enough time for just a few hearings on intelligence squeezed between all the defense hearings and briefings throughout the year, there is simply no way they can pay adequate attention to intelligence, it is just not possible.

They are rightly consumed with the other 90 percent of their budget that focuses on defense matters. On the Intelligence Committee, however, we spend several days each week poring over intelligence matters and receiving briefs on all aspects of the intelligence community, and with a cadre of 50 professional staff at our disposal we are able to dig real deep into a number of disciplines.

We know that change is needed, and I appreciate the leadership that Chairman ROCKEFELLER and the rest of my colleagues on the Intelligence Committee have shown on this issue. I am also grateful for the support expressed by other Members of the Senate who recognize the importance of this issue to our esteemed body.

I recognize that we are quickly running short on legislative days to get this done. However, I would ask my colleagues to give serious consideration to this Senate resolution. I stand ready to discuss its details and debate its merits. If we are not able to act in this Congress, then I expect to address this issue again first thing in the new Congress.

As we reflect on the horrible events of the September 11 terrorist attacks, I suggest to my colleagues that we all ask ourselves whether we can do more to improve congressional oversight of intelligence. I think we would all agree that the answer to that question must be an emphatic "yes."

If we agree that we can do more, then why don't we?

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5446. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military con-

struction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5447. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5448. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5449. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5450. Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5451. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5452. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5453. Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5454. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5455. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5456. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5457. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5458. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5459. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5460. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5461. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5462. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5463. Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5464. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5465. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5466. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5467. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5468. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5469. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5470. Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5471. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5472. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5473. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5474. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5475. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5476. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5477. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5478. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5479. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5480. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5481. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5482. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5483. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5484. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, and Mrs. DOLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5485. Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted an amendment intended

to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5486. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BAYH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5487. Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. HAGEL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5488. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5489. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5490. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5491. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5492. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5493. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5494. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5495. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5496. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5497. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. CORKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5446. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 454, after line 21, add the following:

SEC. 2814. EXPANDED IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST SERGEANTS BARRACKS INITIATIVE.

The Secretary of the Army shall implement the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative (FSBI) throughout the Army in order to improve the quality of life and living environments for single soldiers.

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military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1068. SENSE OF SENATE ON CARE FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110-181) established a comprehensive policy on improvements to care, management, and transition of recovering service members.

(2) This policy included guidance on Training and Skills of Health Care Professionals, Recovery Care Coordinators, Medical Care Case Managers, and Non-Medical Care Managers for Recovering Service Members.

(3) The Department of Veterans Affairs currently has eight fully trained Recovery Care Coordinators in the field serving 123 wounded warriors with an additional two Recovery Care Coordinators in training and additional applicants being considered.

(4) The requirement for Recovery Care Coordinators, Medical Care Case Managers, and Non-Medical Care Managers for Recovering Service Members exceeds the current availability of these personnel within the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense should—

(1) aggressively recruit, hire, and train individuals as Recovery Care Coordinators, Medical Care Case Managers, and Non-Medical Care Managers for Recovering Service Members;

(2) establish partnerships between Department of Defense medical facilities and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, on the one hand, and public and private institutions of higher education, on the other hand, to assist in training medical care case management personnel needed to support returning wounded and ill service members;

(3) work closely with public and private institutions of higher education to ensure the most current care management techniques and evidenced based guidelines are incorporated into training programs for Health Care Professionals, Recovery Care Coordinators, Medical Care Case Managers, and Non-Medical Care Managers; and

(4) expand the use of Recovery Care Coordinators, Medical Care Case Managers, and Non-Medical Care Managers to include other than newly wounded and disabled recovering service members.

SA 5448. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 311, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following: